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## **Atlantic Green Pest Solutions**

### **Atlantic Green Pest Solutions Achieves GREEN SHIELD CERTIFIED Status**

Atlantic Pest Solutions Companies, with offices in Arundel and Brunswick, ME, has launched a GREEN SHIELD CERTIFIED<sup>SM</sup> service. The company underwent an extensive, on-site evaluation by an independent entomologist to gain approval for the service.

The new service, Atlantic Green Pest Solutions, is designed to meet the needs of clients seeking effective, preventive solutions to pest problems based on Integrated Pest Management, or IPM.

“IPM is good common sense and it gives better long-term results,” according to Ted St. Amand, Atlantic’s president and owner. Ted took over the business in 1984 from his father, who purchased the former Atlantic Exterminating Company back in 1964. Atlantic Exterminating was originally founded in 1939 in Hartford, Connecticut

“Here’s an example,” Ted continues. “Several years ago, we took on a food processing plant that previously had used fogging with insecticides to control fly problems in the plant.” Fogging uses a cloud of insecticide to kill flying insects and other pests, and can leave a pesticide residue on all exposed surfaces. “Instead of fogging, we suggested limiting the number of windows that remained open during cleaning operations and installed fly light traps to catch any flies that might enter the plant. This approach worked just as well with much less insecticide.”

Knowing your pests and understanding their habitat is key to IPM success. Atlantic has entomologists on staff who identify pests including mosquitoes and ticks, which can help determine the right approach and timing to improve control. For example, removing water sources such as clogged gutters or bird baths, or treating them with a bacterium that is only toxic to mosquitoes can reduce the number of container breeding mosquitoes. However, if it’s salt marsh mosquitoes that are biting, they may be flying long distances in from breeding sites along the coastline. In that case, spray applications along the edges of yards and athletic fields with products containing garlic-oil or a combination of peppermint and rosemary oil can provide an effective, non-toxic alternative.

Atlantic’s services include trapping and removal of wildlife pests. Dale Farris and John Bourgoïn, Atlantic’s Animal Damage Control Specialists, are experienced and

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knowledgeable in solving problems with birds, squirrels, raccoons, bats and other animals.

Atlantic has grown from a one-person shop to nearly fifty employees today and is still growing, a great testimony to customer satisfaction with an IPM approach. The company has four divisions: Atlantic Pest Solutions, Atlantic Carpentry Solutions, Atlantic Mosquito and Tick Solutions, and now Atlantic Green Pest Solutions. In addition to repairing damage from carpenter ants or termites, or pest-proofing homes and business to exclude mice, rats, and other pests, Atlantic Carpentry Solutions also provides full construction and renovation services.

“We’re very pleased to have Atlantic Green Pest Solutions join the growing ranks of GREEN SHIELD CERTIFIED services and companies,” reports Dr. Thomas Green, president and co-founder of the IPM Institute of North America, the independent non-profit rating organization which operates the program. “Both home and business owners need a way to identify companies and services that truly provide the highest level of IPM service,” according to Green. “Atlantic Green Pest Solutions meets that standard.”